## RESOLUTION NO. 182 BISHOP NELSON WATTS, JR. EL BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**WHEREAS** Auxiliary Bishop Nelson Watts, Jr. is the Pastor of El Bethel Church of God in Christ. On November 24 & November 25, 2018 he will be celebrating 14 years as Pastor. Bishop Watts is the husband of Lady Greta Vaughn-Watts, and the father of three sons; Nelson III, Samuel, and Timothy; and

**WHEREAS** Auxiliary Bishop Nelson Watts, Jr. has served in Ministry of the Church of God in Christ for over 29 years. On March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018, Bishop Nelson Watts Jr. celebrated 30 years in Ministry and 38 years of Salvation; and

WHEREAS On November 12, 2017 he was consecrated to the sacred office of Bishop with the Episcopal Designation of Auxiliary by the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Charles E. Blake; and

WHEREAS Bishop Watts Jr. presently serves as Special Assistant to the General Secretary in the area of General Registration for the State of Missouri, Member of the Constitutions Committee of the Church of God in Christ, Regional member of the Standard & Extensions Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, Jurisdiction Secretary Special Assignment to assist General Board member, Jurisdictional Secretary of Eastern Missouri & Western Illinois; and Superintendent of the Nelson Watts Sr. District in EMWI which was named after his late Father; and

WHEREAS Bishop Watts, Jr. Civic Accomplishments included being a Board member of Family Advocating Safe Streets (FASS), Cofounder of the Prayer of Peace Organization, Ecumenical Leadership Council Saint Louis Chapter, Bishop Watts, Jr. has also completed Outreach Services in the community of which has been a vital part of his Ministry; and

WHEREAS Bishop Watts, Jr has prayed the Opening Prayer for the Session for the Board of Aldermen, he was awarded by the City of St. Louis 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman for being one of the few Churches in the City of St. Louis to burn the mortgage in such a short period of time, awarded a Proclamation from the State of Missouri House of Representatives, for 16 Stella years as Jurisdictional Aim Chairman., appointed by the Urban League in St. Louis County as Vice President for Jobs for Missouri Graduates.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with Bishop Nelson Watts Jr. and El Bethel Church of God in Christ to celebrate 14 years as Pastor and to recognize Bishop Watts Jr. for his many contributions to the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Alderman to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to Bishop Watts Jr. at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor of this Resolution.

Introduced this 16th day of November, 2018 by:

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward  Adopted this 16th day of November, 2018 as attested by:	
Clerk, Board of Aldermen	President, Board of Aldermen